

COMMISSIONING  
OF THE  
NAVAL HOSPITAL  
QUONSET POINT, RHODE ISLAND



Monday  
the first of July  
nineteen hundred and sixty eight  
ten o'clock  
at the Naval Air Station  
Quonset Point, Rhode Island



## PROGRAM

### ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

NATIONAL ANTHEM

U.S. Naval Base Band  
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

INVOCATION

Commander David E. Simmons,  
CHAPLAIN CORPS, U.S. NAVY

REMARKS

Rear Admiral Forsyth Massey  
COMMANDER FLEET AIR QUONSET,  
U.S. NAVY

REMARKS AND ORDERS

Captain William T. Hardaker  
COMMANDING OFFICER, U.S. NAVY

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Captain Sidney I. Brody  
MEDICAL CORPS, U.S. NAVY  
PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER

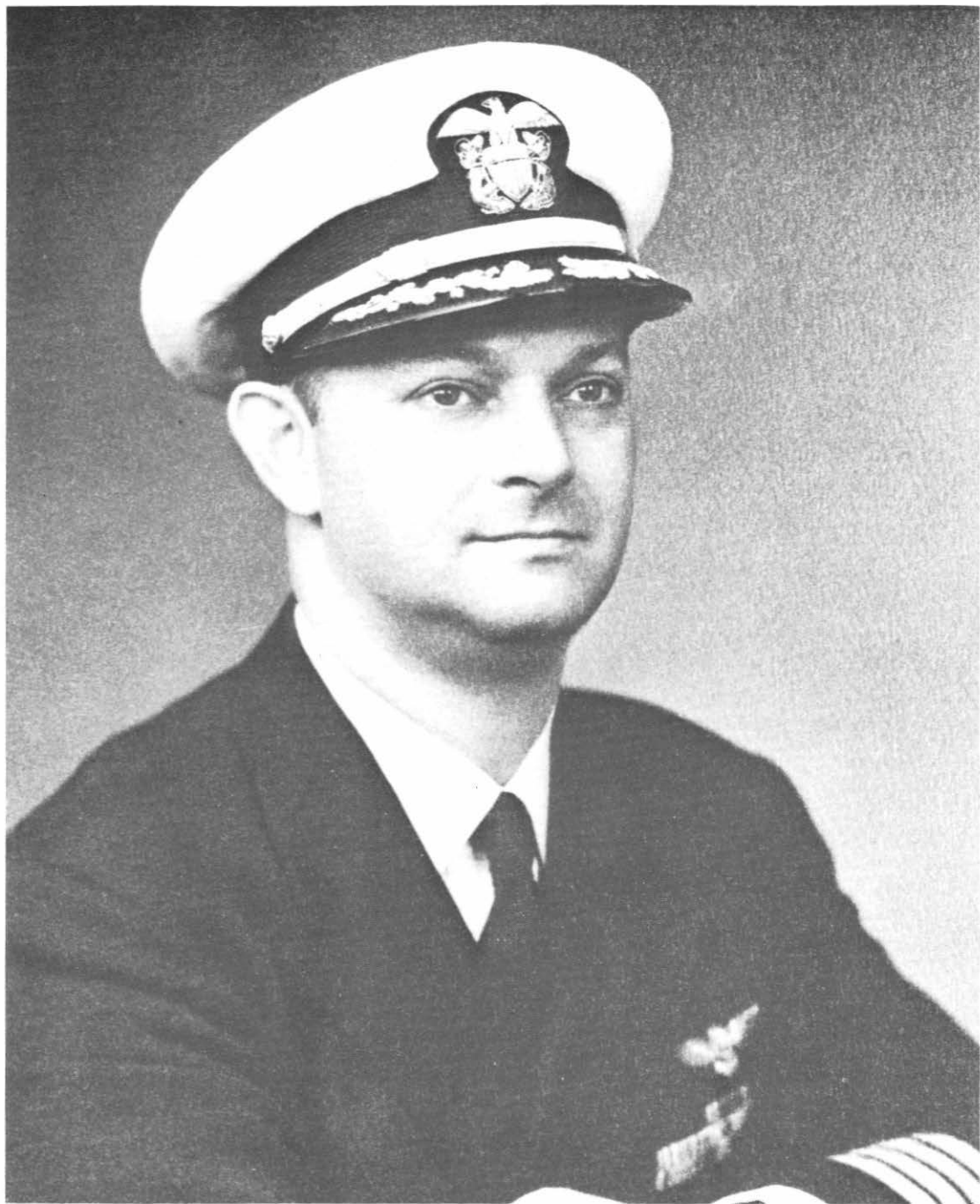
REMARKS

Captain Tracy D. Cuttle  
MEDICAL CORPS, U.S. NAVY  
FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER

BENEDICTION

Lieutenant Denis Casey  
CHAPLAIN CORPS, U.S. NAVY

U.S. Naval Base Band  
Newport, Rhode Island



**CAPTAIN SIDNEY I. BRODY, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S. NAVY**  
***FIRST COMMANDING OFFICER***  
**NAVAL HOSPITAL, QUONSET POINT, R.I.**

Captain Sidney I. Brody, MC, U. S. Navy, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1936. He received his medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia and served his internship at Frankford Hospital, Philadelphia.

Commissioned a Lieutenant, Junior Grade, in the Medical Corps in 1942, he attended the Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland and was designated a Navy Flight Surgeon at the Naval School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Florida in 1943.

Captain Brody was the Medical Officer with Marine Aircraft Groups 35 and 53 at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina in 1943. He subsequently served with Marine Aircraft Group 32 at Zamboanga, Philippine Islands in 1944 and later with Marine Aircraft Group 12 in Peiping, China.

He underwent flight training in 1946 and was designated a Naval Aviator in June 1947 after training in single and multi-engine land and seaplanes and qualifying on an aircraft carrier. He later served as Medical Officer of Carrier Air Group 4 at NAS Norfolk and aboard USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CVS-42).

He was Medical Officer of Aircraft Development Squadron 3 in 1949 where he was qualified as the first medical officer to pilot jet aircraft. He has held a Special Instrument Rating and a Commercial Pilot's license, his most recent designation being that of Plane Commander in the C-117.

Captain Brody was assigned to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics in 1952 and during the subsequent three and one-half years represented the Bureau of Aeronautics on the National Research Council Vision Committee, the National Research Council Committee on Hearing and Bioacoustics, the Committee on Human Engineering and Psychophysiology of the Research and Development Board.

He served as the first U. S. Navy representative on the Aeromedical Panel of the NATO Advisory Group for Aeronautic Research and Development meeting in Paris, France, in 1953. He was a member of the Air Standardization Coordinating Committee and was one of the original members of the Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology.

He served as the first Senior Medical Officer in USS SARATOGA (CVS-60) during the period from 1956 to 1958 and later as the Senior Medical Officer, Naval Air Station, Oceana, Virginia. Prior to reporting to NAS Quonset Point, he was Staff Medical Officer to Commanding General, Second Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina from 1962 to 1966.

He has published articles on aviation medicine and various clinical subjects, for one of which he was awarded the Sir Henry Wellcome Medal and Prize by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States in 1963.

His professional affiliations include membership in the American Medical Association, and for the past twenty five years, the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States and the Aero-Medical Association. In 1952 he served as President of the Philadelphia Branch of the Aero-Medical Association. He is a member of the U. S. Naval Institute and a Sustaining Member of the Naval Historical Foundation. In 1954 he was elected Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine in Aviation Medicine as one of the Founders Group and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. At present he is a member of the Executive Council of the Aerospace Medical Association.

Captain Brody holds the Navy Unit Citation, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one star, World War II Victory Medal, China Service Medal, National Defense Medal with one star and the Philippine Liberation Medal with one star.

Captain Brody is married to the former Muriel Myers of Philadelphia. They have three children: Mitchell, a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Raymond, a junior pre-medical student at the University of Pennsylvania; and Diane who will enter Simmons College in the fall.

## **HISTORY of the STATION HOSPITAL**

Medical facilities for Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R. I., were established as a dispensary on 10 March 1941 with the primary mission of treating military personnel and civilian employees. In February 1948 the mission was changed to include inpatient treatment to eligible dependents as well as maternity care. At that time the dispensary provided services for 3500 military, 9000 dependents and 5000 civilian employees. The staff consisted of twenty-five officers, forty hospital corpsmen and fifteen civil service personnel. The first child was born at the dispensary in February 1948.

The dispensary was reclassified as a station hospital in 1953 and additional professional services were provided. The staff was increased to thirty-two officers, forty-five corpsmen and twenty civilian employees. Medical services were provided to approximately twenty-three thousand personnel.

The commissioning of Naval Hospital, Quonset Point, Rhode Island on 1 July 1968 places the facility under the management control of the Bureau of Medicine & Surgery. The hospital provides comprehensive medical services to approximately 55,000 people including active duty and retired military personnel and their dependents residing on the west side of Narragansett Bay. Personnel from about fifty separate commands representing each of the armed services, in addition to Naval Air Station, Quonset Point; its tenant fleet commands; the Naval Air Rework Facility, Quonset Point; and Seabees of Mobile Construction Battalions and the Construction Battalion Center, Davisville; utilize the hospital.

The hospital staff consists of approximately forty-five officers, sixty hospital corpsmen and twenty-eight civilian employees. Professional services available include General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Aviation Medicine, Industrial Medicine and Psychiatry. Facilities are also available for the treatment of diseases of the eye as well as for eye refraction examinations under the supervision of an ophthalmologist and an optometrist. To increase the scope and quality of health care, one of the largest pharmacies in the state provides all drugs prescribed by staff medical officers. A comprehensive clinical laboratory and blood bank aids in diagnosis and treatment. X-ray services under the supervision of a radiologist is an indispensable phase of the hospital activities.

The normal bed capacity of the hospital is one-hundred which, under emergency conditions, may be expanded to one hundred and fifty beds. Cardiac monitoring equipment is being installed as the basis for a Coronary Intensive Care Unit. Civilian employees of the Naval Air Station or Naval Air Rework Facility receive physical examinations, treatment for job incurred illnesses and injuries at the Industrial Medical Dispensary branch of the hospital as well as consultative services and emergency hospitalization at the hospital when necessary.

PAST MEDICAL OFFICERS  
NAVAL AIR STATION, QUONSET POINT, R. I.

Captain C. W. Carr, MC, USN ..... March 10, 1941 — July 10, 1942

Captain F. Ceres, MC, USN ..... July 10, 1942 — July 11, 1943

Captain F. E. Tierney, MC, USN ..... July 11, 1943 — June 20, 1944

Captain W. P. Dana, MC, USN ..... July 20, 1944 — February 5, 1946

Captain R. L. Weir, MC, USN ..... March 13, 1946 — April 20, 1949

Captain L. C. Newman, MC, USN ..... April 20, 1949 — May 12, 1952

Captain F. Kirk Smith, MC, USN ..... May 12, 1952 — May 31, 1956

Captain M. H. Goodwin, MC, USN ..... May 31, 1956 — July 8, 1959

Captain E. A. Anderson, MC, USN ..... August 4, 1959 — June 4, 1962

Captain M. D. Courtney, MC, USN ..... June 4, 1962 — July 1, 1965

Captain R. E. Greenburg, MC, USN ..... July 1, 1965 — June 2, 1966

Captain S. I. Brody, MC, USN ..... June 23, 1966 — July 1, 1968  
(Assumes command July 1, 1968)

